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BIOGRAPHY OF ACADEMICIAN TODOR PAVLOV,
PRESIDENT OF BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

[Information on graphics material is appended.]

Academician Todor Pavlov, President of the Bulgarian Academy of Science, was 60 years old in December 1950. He was born in 1889 in Shtip, but moved to Sofia, where he completed the Gymnasium and majored in philosophy at the university. After 1919, he became a member of the BKP (Bulgarian Communist Party). He then became editor of Mladezh but was subsequently arrested. While in prison he continued working for the Communist cause. After he was freed, he published several articles on Marxism-Leninism.

In 1932, he went to the USSR to study. In 1936, he published a philosophic work, in Russian, on the theory of thought. After he returned to Bulgaria in 1936, he wrote on dialectical and historical materialism and on Marxist-Leninist aesthetics. He was one of the first protagonists of the theory and practice of socialist realism.

When Germany attacked the USSR during World War II, Pavlov was put in a concentration camp.

For several years Pavlov was chairman of the SBSD (Union of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies). He is the leading propagator of Soviet life in Bulgaria and a channel for Soviet influence. -- Professor D. B. Mitov

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